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RE: Continued Suspension of
the Sahara Mine
ACT/015/026
Emery County, Utah

Concerns with the
Hillside Complex and
Glade Pit
ACT/037/015
San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Baker:

Thank you for having Dean King meet Wayne Hedberg and myself at Green River on January 18, 1983. I believe it was most unfortunate that the gentleman from Kanab was unable to fly out that morning. It was also a shame to have missed him during the sunny afternoon at Fry Canyon. It did not seem to matter so much as the Nielsen's from Minerals West did not arrive either. We were fortunate in meeting Jim Andrus in Blanding the following day. He was reconnoitering the area for proposed reclamation projects. I was pleased to be able to discuss several issues besides the weather and I hope to receive additional 1979-82 reports from him soon. A final note to these items; the Division would like to have the matter of the Hillside Complex resolved as soon as possible. If arrangements between Minerals West and EFN cannot be settled soon I think that this might be a matter in which the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining could help. Could you send the Division a statement of your current position regarding the matter?

Seeing as how the Glade Pit has become a part of the Hillside mine file could you also summarize the reclamation activity of 1982 and relate it to the letter of September 24, 1981 (from Brad Doores EFN) regarding bonding. The Division has not received a notice of completion for these activities.

Mr. King was most cooperative and congenial as he toured the Sahara minesite with us. The site has been well managed during its period of

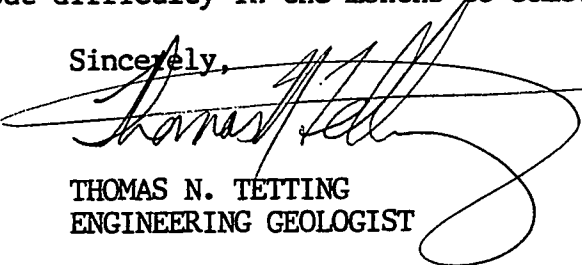
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suspended activity. The additional two year suspension period will be given provided the following interim reclamation measures have been taken and the Division notified of their completion:

1. A distinct channel should be constructed and maintained between the water pump discharge pipe and the evaporation ponds. This should preclude the mixing of natural drainage with the mine water.
2. Erosional incisions into the evaporation pond's walls should be repaired.
3. Discharge valves of the ponds taken from the mine or pump site should be checked to see that they are operable.
4. A recent water sample analysis should be forwarded to the Division for the file.

The Division hopes to receive this information or confirmation of the required work no later than the end of the second quarter of 1983. At that time the additional two year suspension period should go into effect. You have been very helpful in the past sorting these matters out and I trust that we may work through these concerns without difficulty in the months to come.

Sincerely,



THOMAS N. TETTING
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Enclosures

cc: Jim Smith, DOGM

MINING PERMIT APPLICATION HISTORY

Energy Fuels Nuclear
Sahara Mine
ACT/015/026, Emery County, Utah

May 14, 1979	The Division received the Mining and Reclamation Plan.
May 22, 1979	The Division inspected the mine operation.
June 21, 1979	The Division completed review of the MRP and prepared the surety estimate.
June 26, 1979	EFN applied to State Health for a wastewater construction approval.
June 27, 1979	The Board issued tentative approval for the mine.
July 8, 1979	The public notice was printed.
July 13, 1979	The \$35,923 reclamation bond was received at the Division.
August 14, 1979	The Division issued final approval for the MRP.
January 1980	The 1979 Operations and Progress Report was received.
March 7, 1980	State Health issued a construction permit for the minesite wastewater treatment facilities.
April 30, 1980	The Division received notice that mining commenced.
June 4, 1980	The Division inspected the minesite.
November 10, 1980	The Division was notified of temporary "downgrading" of the mine facility (suspension).
January 30, 1981	The Division received the 1980 Annual Operations and Progress Report.
March 29, 1982	The Division waived the requirement for annual reporting.
August 6, 1982	The Division was notified of the status of EFN mines in Utah. An additional period of suspension was requested.
August 12, 1982	The Division acknowledged receipt of the notice and postponed comment on the suspension pending a site inspection.

January 18, 1983

The Division performed an on-site inspection of the mine.

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A letter requesting several items of interim reclamation work was sent to Ed Baker.